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SBC MISSOURI REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE CLASSIFICATION IN A NUMBER OF ITS EXCHANGES

JEFFERSON CITY--Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri is seeking competitive classification in a number of its exchanges in Missouri. SBC Missouri is seeking to classify 29 of its 160 exchanges as competitive for residential services and 61 of its 160 exchanges as competitive for business services.

Under competitive classification, SBC Missouri would have greater pricing flexibility than under either price cap regulation or rate of return regulation. Competitive classification would allow SBC Missouri to change its rates based upon the marketplace.

Under a new state law (SB 237), the Commission must reach a decision on this request within 30 days of the Company's August 30, 2005, filing. Therefore, the Commission will be issuing a decision during the week of September 26, 2005.

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